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7 BEFORE THE  
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY  
8 DEPARTMENT OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS  
9 STATE OF CALIFORNIA

10 In the Matter of the Accusation ) NO. AC-97-53  
Against: )  
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PATRICIA LINDEN ) STIPULATION AND  
12 1981 Westridge Road ) WAIVER OF RIGHTS  
Los Angeles, CA 90049 )  
13 Certified Public Accountant )  
License Number 34333 )  
14 Respondent. )  
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16 IT IS HEREBY STIPULATED THAT the following matters are  
17 true, correct and factual:

18 1. Complainant Carol Sigmann made and filed  
19 Accusation Number AC-97-53 in her official capacity as Executive  
20 Officer, Board of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs,  
21 State of California (hereinafter "Board").

22 2. On March 12, 1982, the Board issued Certified  
23 Public Accountant License Number 34333 to Patricia Linden  
24 (hereinafter "respondent"). On April 1, 1989, the license  
25 expired. On July 12, 1989, the license was renewed. On April 1,  
26 1991, the license was renewed inactive. On July 3, 1995, the  
27 license expired and has not been renewed.

1           3.    The respondent is represented in this matter  
2 by Harriet Beegun Leva, Esq., O'Neill, Lysaght & Sun, LLP,  
3 100 Wilshire Boulevard, Suite 700, Santa Monica, CA 90401.

4           4.    The Accusation, Notice of Defense, Request for  
5 Discovery, Statement to Respondent and copies of Government Code  
6 sections 11507.5, 11507.6 and 11507.7 were served on respondent  
7 by certified mail. On or about August 29, 1997, respondent filed  
8 a Notice of Defense and Request for Hearing.

9           5.    The respondent and her attorney have fully  
10 discussed the charges contained in Accusation Number AC-97-53,  
11 and the respondent has been fully advised regarding her legal  
12 rights and the effects of this stipulation.

13           6.    Respondent has read and understands the charges  
14 made against her in the Accusation and the terms and conditions  
15 contained in this stipulation. Respondent further understands  
16 and freely and voluntarily waives rights that she may have in  
17 this proceeding to a hearing on the charges and allegations  
18 contained in the Accusation, to reconsideration, to appeal, to  
19 judicial review, and to all other rights which she may have under  
20 the California Administrative Procedure Act and the laws and  
21 regulations of the State of California.

22           7.    Respondent hereby withdraws her Notice of Defense  
23 previously filed in this action and agrees to be bound by the  
24 terms of this Stipulation and the Order of the Board accepting  
25 the revocation.

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1 evidences a present or potential unfitness to perform the  
2 functions authorized by her certified public accountant license  
3 in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare  
4 in that from approximately October 1991 to December 1992, while  
5 respondent, a certified public accountant was vice president and  
6 controller of World Numismatics, Inc., owned and controlled by  
7 Bruce McNall in Los Angeles, California, she knowingly relied on  
8 false purchase and sale documents and thereby assisted in  
9 diverting millions of dollars of investors funds from the New  
10 World Coin Fund, a limited partnership investment fund of which  
11 World Numismatics, Inc. was the general partner, to another  
12 entity owned by Bruce McNall, Numismatic Fine Arts International  
13 which used the monies to pay unauthorized expenses. The false  
14 financial reports concealed the actual disposition of investors'  
15 funds. The false financial reports were then presented to the  
16 Securities and Exchange Commission.

17           10. The admissions made by respondent herein are for  
18 the purpose of this proceeding and any other proceedings in which  
19 the Board or other professional licensing agency is involved, and  
20 shall not be admissible in any other criminal or civil  
21 proceedings.

22           11. This document shall be null and void and not  
23 binding upon the parties unless and until it is accepted by the  
24 Board, whereupon, the Board shall notify respondent of the  
25 effective date of this agreement.

26           12. It is understood by respondent that, in deciding  
27 whether to adopt this stipulation, the Board may receive oral and

1 written communications from its staff and the Attorney General's  
2 office. Communications pursuant to this paragraph shall not  
3 disqualify the Board or other persons from future participation  
4 in this or any other matter affecting respondent. In the event  
5 this settlement is not adopted by the Board, the stipulation will  
6 not become effective and may not be used for any purpose, except  
7 for this paragraph, which shall remain in effect.

8           13. Based on the foregoing admissions and stipulated  
9 matters, the parties agree that the Board shall, without further  
10 notice or formal proceeding, issue and enter the following  
11 order:

12                           DISCIPLINARY ORDER

13           IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Certificate Number CPA 34333,  
14 issued to Patricia Linden, shall be revoked and agree that:

15           A. Respondent shall pay the Board \$1,514.75 in costs  
16 prior to filing a petition for reinstatement with this Board.

17           B. Respondent shall surrender the pocket license  
18 and/or wall license or certificate and all other evidence of  
19 licensure to the Board at its offices in Sacramento, California.  
20 Said license and other evidence of licensure shall be surrendered  
21 to a designated Board representative on or after the effective  
22 date of the decision of the Board accepting this agreement to  
23 revocation.

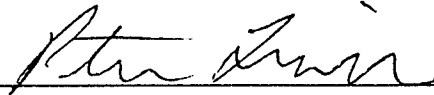
24           C. Respondent may petition for reinstatement of the  
25 revoked license one year from the effective date of this decision  
26 and respondent shall submit proof of payment to the Board of the  
27 costs required in paragraph A before the Board will process or

1 consider any application. In the event such application is  
2 denied, respondent shall be entitled to a hearing if so  
3 requested, and respondent may submit evidence of continuing  
4 education and mitigation or rehabilitation. The filing of  
5 bankruptcy by the respondent shall not relieve the respondent of  
6 her responsibility to reimburse the Board for its investigative  
7 and prosecution costs.

8 ACCEPTANCE

9 I have read the above Stipulation and Disciplinary  
10 Order. I understand the effect this will have on my certified  
11 public accountant license, and agree to be bound thereby. I  
12 enter this stipulation freely, knowingly, intelligently and  
13 voluntarily. I agree that a signed facsimile (FAX) of this  
14 document shall be as binding as an original signed copy.


15 DATED: 1/13/98

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17 PATRICIA LINDEN  
18 Respondent

19 I have read the above Stipulated Settlement and  
20 Disciplinary Order and approve of it as to form and content. I  
21 have fully discussed the terms and conditions and other matters  
22 therein with respondent Patricia Linden.

23 DATED: 1-12-98

24 O'NEILL, LYSAGHT & SUN, LLP

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26 HARRIET BEEGUN LEVA  
27 Attorneys for Respondent

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DATED: JAN. 21, 1998

JOE S. PRIMES  
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Deputy Attorney General

DECISION AND ORDER  
OF THE  
BOARD OF ACCOUNTANCY

Made this 1st day of April, 1998.

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PATRICIA LINDEN ) ACCUSATION  
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Respondent. )

Carol Sigmann, for causes for discipline, alleges:

1. Complainant Carol Sigmann makes and files this  
accusation in her official capacity as Executive Officer, Board  
of Accountancy, Department of Consumer Affairs, State of  
California (hereinafter "Board").

2. On March 12, 1982, the Board issued Certified  
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(hereinafter "respondent"). On April 1, 1989, the license  
expired. On July 12, 1989, the license was renewed. On April 1,  
1991, the license was renewed inactive. On July 3, 1995, the  
license expired and has not been renewed.



1           3.     Business and Professions Code (hereinafter "Code")  
2 section 5100 provides, in part, that the Board may revoke,  
3 suspend or refuse to renew any permit or certificate issued by  
4 the Board for unprofessional conduct which includes, but is not  
5 limited to, one or any combination of the following causes:

6           "(a)   Conviction of any crime substantially related to  
7 the qualifications, functions and duties of a certified public  
8 accountant or a public accountant."

9           4.     Code section 490 provides, in pertinent part, that  
10 the Board may suspend or revoke a license when it finds that the  
11 licensee has been convicted of a crime substantially related to  
12 the qualifications, functions or duties of a certified public  
13 accountant.

14           5.     Code section 118(b) provides, in pertinent part,  
15 that the expiration of a license shall not deprive the Board of  
16 jurisdiction to proceed with a disciplinary action during the  
17 period within which the license may be renewed, restored,  
18 reissued or reinstated. Under Business and Professions Code  
19 section 5070.6, the Board may renew an expired license at any  
20 time within five years after its expiration.

21           6.     Title 16, California Code of Regulations, section  
22 99, provides, in pertinent part, that a crime or act shall be  
23 considered to be substantially related to the qualifications,  
24 functions or duties of a certified public accountant or public  
25 accountant if to a substantial degree it evidences present or  
26 potential unfitness of a certified public accountant or public  
27 account to perform the functions authorized by his certificate or

1 permit in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or  
2 welfare. Such crimes or acts shall include but not be limited to  
3 those involving the following:

4           "(a) Fiscal dishonesty or breach of fiduciary  
5 responsibility of any kind."

6           "(c) Dishonesty, fraud or gross negligence in the  
7 practice of public accountancy or in the performance of the  
8 bookkeeping operations described in section 5052 of the Code."

9           7. Code section 5107 provides, in pertinent part,  
10 that the Executive Officer may request the administrative law  
11 judge to direct any holder of a permit or certificate found  
12 guilty of unprofessional conduct involving a felony conviction in  
13 violation of subdivision (a) of section 5100 to pay all  
14 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the  
15 case, including, but not limited to, attorneys fees.

16           8. Respondent has subjected her license to discipline  
17 under Code section 5100(a) on the grounds of unprofessional  
18 conduct in that on November 11, 1994, she was convicted by the  
19 Court on a plea of guilty of violating provisions of Title 18,  
20 United States Code, section 371 (conspiracy), a felony, in the  
21 United States District Court for the Central District, case  
22 number CR 94-920, entitled United States of America v. Patricia  
23 Linden.

24           The circumstances surrounding the conviction are  
25 substantially related to the qualifications, functions and duties  
26 of a certified public accountant or public accountant in that it  
27 evidences a present or potential unfitness to perform the

1 functions authorized by her certified public accountant license  
2 in a manner consistent with the public health, safety or welfare  
3 in that from approximately October 1991 to April 1994, while  
4 respondent, a certified public accountant was vice president and  
5 controller of World Numismatics, Inc., owned and controlled by  
6 Bruce McNall in Los Angeles, California, she assisted in  
7 diverting millions of dollars of investors funds from the New  
8 World Coin Fund, a limited partnership investment fund of which  
9 World Numismatics, Inc. was the general partner, to another  
10 entity owned by Bruce McNall, Numismatic Fine Arts International  
11 and used the monies to pay unauthorized expenses. Further,  
12 respondent prepared false financial reports which concealed the  
13 actual disposition of investors' funds, then presented the false  
14 financial reports to the Securities and Exchange Commission

15           9. Respondent has subjected her license to discipline  
16 under Code section 490 in that on November 11, 1994, she was  
17 convicted of a crime substantially related to the qualifications,  
18 functions or duties of a certified public accountant or public  
19 accountant, as set forth in paragraph 8.

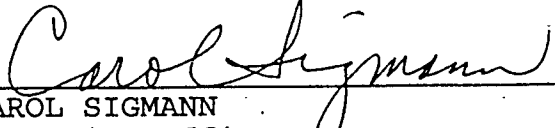
20           WHEREFORE, complainant prays that a hearing be held and  
21 that the Board makes its order:

22           1. Revoking or suspending Certified Public Accountant  
23 License Number 34333 to Patricia Linden;

24           2. Ordering Patricia Linden to pay to the Board all  
25 reasonable costs of the investigation and enforcement of the  
26 case, including, but not limited to, attorneys fees, pursuant  
27 pursuant to Business and Professions Code section 5107; and

1                   3. Taking such other and further action as the Board  
2 deems necessary and proper.

3 DATED: June 27, 1997

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6 CAROL SIGMANN  
7 Executive Officer  
8 Board of Accountancy  
9 Department of Consumer Affairs  
10 State of California

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